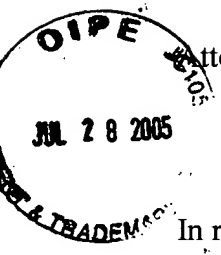


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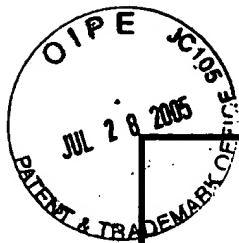
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RESPONSE TO MARCH 23, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005.
Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.



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